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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO MINAG'S
KRINITSKIY AND HYDROMET'S KUVSHINNIKOV.

2. SIX MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, VIA PAA 44. TWO OTHER MEMBERS, SUDIA
AND EARL BAYSINGER (REPLACING SMATHERS) WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW

OCTOBER 11. BOTH ACCEPT INVITATION TO VISIT VORONIZH PRESERVE
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OCTOBER 21-24. SUGGEST MAJOR DISCUSSIONS AWAIT THEIR ARRIVAL.

3. AREA 111 SECTION OF NOVEMBER 16, 1973, JOINT COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM PROVIDED FOR INCLUSION OF PESTICIDE SPECIALIST IN THIS AREA V VISIT. ACCORDINGLY WE ARE SUBSTITUTING DR. HARRY OHLENDORF, PESTICIDE EXPERT, FOR ONE OF THOSE NAMED EARLIER AS MEMBER OF ORIGINAL GROUP (REFD).

4. COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION AS NOW AMENDED IS: JOSEPH LINDUSKA, THEODORE SUDIA, EARL BAYSINGER, HARRY OHLENDORF, LINDA VANKUREN, RAY FEUCHTER (ALL FEDERAL OFFICIALS), HOWARD IRWIN OF NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS AND RALPH BITELY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. DR. RAY ERICKSON, PREVIOUSLY NAMED AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, WILL BE ALTERNATE FOR BITELY WHOSE FUNDING REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

5. WE NOTE THAT IN JULY 30 LETTER TO LINDUSKA, KRINITSKIY REFERRED TO BIOSPHERE RESERVES AS DISCUSSION ITEM FOR THIS VISIT. KUVSHINNIKOV TOLD DR. TECH THAT IZRAEL WAS DESIGNATING KRINITSKIY CHAIRMAN OF NEW BIOSPHERE RESERVES PROJECT UNDER AREA V (REFC) BUT CHAIRMAN TRAIN HAS NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS FROM IZRAEL. TRAIN HAS DESIGNATED DR. JERRY F. FRANKLIN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AS US CHAIRMAN OF NEW BIOSPHERE PROJECT UNDER AREA V, BUT NO CONCRETE PREPARATION HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS AREA UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE ASSUME THAT PENDING TRAIN-IZRAEL OCTOBER MEETING AND FORMAL DESIGNATION OF SOVIET CHAIRMAN ANY DISCUSSIONS ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES DURING US DELEGATION VISIT WILL BE GENERAL AND UNOFFICIAL IN NATURE (WE NOTE THAT A SOVIET DELEGATION IS PARTICIPATING IN THE MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE CONFERENCE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON,)

6. BAYSINGER WOULD APPRECIATE ISSUANCE OF SOVIET VISA IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 27 WHEN HE DEPARTS FOR SPAIN AND THENCE DIRECTLY TO MOSCOW. INGERSOLL

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